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SUBJECT: SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: CONGRESSIONAL  
PRESENTATION

REF: (A) STATE 012151

(B) BEIRUT A-237, DECEMBER 4, 1974

1. AS REQUESTED, BEIRUT'S SEMI-ANNUAL NARCOTICS CONTROL REPORT IS SUBMITTED, FOLLOWING FORMAT OF REF A. ALL FUNDING DATA SHOULD BE VERIFIED BY DEPT, AS EMBASSY HAS ONLY PARTIAL DOCUMENTATION AND NO INFORMATION ON EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS AUTHORIZED IN GOL/USG GRANT AGREEMENT.

2. SECTION A.

A. DURING REPORTING PERIOD GOL/USG NARCOTICS CONTROL GRANT AGREEMENT OF JUNE 29, 1973, WAS AMENDED TO INCREASE U.S. FUNDS PROVIDED FROM US DOLS 65,000 TO 70,000. AMENDMENT POUCHED TO DEPT OCTOBER 31, 1974. ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO BE USED TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT FOR ENFORCEMENT, UNDER PROJECT NO. 002, POLICE ASSISTANCE.

B. OBLIGATIONS AND EXPENDITURES DURING REPORTING PERIOD:

(1) PERSONNEL: ASSUME DEA/WASHINGTON PROVIDING DATA FOR COSTS

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OF POST'S DEA SECTION. WE ALSO ASSUME PERSONNEL COSTS FOR IN-

COUNTRY TRAINING TEAMS CENTRALLY FUNDED.

(2) EQUIPMENT: ADDITIONAL US DOLS 5,000 OBLIGATED, ESTIMATED TOTAL 15,000 EXPENDED FOR PURCHASE THREE VEHICLES FOR NARCOTICS POLICE.

(3) CONTRACT SERVICES: NONE

(4) OTHER: NONE

(5) TRAINING: FROM DATA AVAILABLE TO POST, WE BELIEVE APPROXIMATELY US DOLS 5,000 OF TOTAL 70,000 UNDER GRANT AGREEMENT ALLOCATED TO TRAINING. POST UNSURE WHICH TRAINING PARTICIPANTS CHARGED TO GRANT AGREEMENT AND WHICH CENTRALLY FUNDED.

C. EQUIPMENT:

(1) EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING REPORTING PERIOD: 35 SEARCH MIRRORS, TOTAL COST US DOLS 614.14

(2) EQUIPMENT IN PIPELINE AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD: COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING NINE (9) RADIO TRANSCEIVERS WITH ACCESSORIES, SPARE PARTS, ETC., ESTIMATED COST US DOLS 15,000. THREE PLYMOUTH DUSTER AUTOMOBILES, ESTIMATED COST US DOLS 15,000.

D. SUPPORT COSTS: NONE IDENTIFIABLE AT POST.

E. TRAINING: DURING REPORTING PERIOD APPROXIMATELY 63 CUSTOMS MEN RECEIVED IN-COUNTRY TRAINING. TEN OFFICERS RECEIVED US TRAINING, 2 IN NARCOTICS EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM AND 8 IN POLICE MANAGEMENT WITH NARCOTICS ORIENTATION. DETAILS NOT GIVEN AS WE ASSUME MOST COSTS CENTRALLY FUNDED.

F. PERSONNEL: NUMBER OF US PERSONNEL AT POST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1974 DEVOTING MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF TIME TO NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES: DEA -- FOUR AGENTS AND ONE SECRETARY.

3. SECTION B

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(A) THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE IF ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FROM CURRENT SITUATION AS OUTLINED SECTION I OF REF B. ALTHOUGH RECENTLY RELEASED SEIZURE STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1974 LOW, THEY NOT UNANTICIPATED AND IN POST'S OPINION DO NOT REPEAT NOT REPRESENT DECREASE IN HOST COUNTRY'S ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFECTIVENESS (SEE G BELOW).

(B) ABUSE: NO MAJOR CHANGES IN DRUG ABUSE PATTERN, EXCEPT SOME SUSPECTED INCREASE IN COCAINE USAGE BY LEBANESE AFFLUENT YOUTH. ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE GOL HAS STRENGTHENED SOMEWHAT ITS ANTI-NARCOTIC EFFORTS, WE DO NOT DISCERN ANY INCREASED CONCERN RE DRUG USAGE BY LEBANESE.

(C) PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING: LEBANON'S ANNUAL HASHISH CROP ESTIMATED TO BE SLIGHTLY IN EXCESS OF 200 TONS. CURRENT PLANTING ESTIMATED AT 7250 ACRES. ALTHOUGH IN PAST SOME HEROIN HAS BEEN PROCESSED IN LABANON, RECENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT PROCESSING DECREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. THERE IS NO RPT NO INDICATION OF LEBANESE CAPABILITY PRODUCE ILLICIT PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS.

(D) TRAFFICKING TRENDS: AS IN PAST, 75 TO 80 PERCENT LEBANESE HASHISH EXPORTED TO EGYPT. AS NOTED IN G BELOW, THERE HAS BEEN MARKED DECREASE IN HASHISH SEIZURES. NEARLY ALL LEBANESE SEIZURES SMALL TO MEDIUM SHIPMENTS INTERCEPTED AT BEIRUT PORT OR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THESE SEIZURES HAVE NEVER EXCEEDED 5 PERCENT OF TOTAL CROP. BULK OF SHIPMENTS, ESPECIALLY TO EGYPT, LEAVES COAST BY SMALL BOAT, FOR TRANSFER TO SHIPS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS WHICH, IN TURN, TRANSFER CONTRABAND TO SMALL BOATS FOR LANDING ON EGY TIAN COAST. (IN CONFIRMATION, DEA/BEIRUT NOTES THAT VAST MAJORITY OF LEBANESE HASHISH THAT IS CONFISCATED IN EGYPT IS SEIZED BY ARY UNITS STOPPING SMALL BOATS LANDING ON COAST LINE). THIS TRAFFIC CONTINUES. IN OPINION DEA/BEIRUT, INCREASED EFFECTIVENESS OF POLICE AND CUSTOMS HAS INCREASED RISK TO SMALL TRAFFICKERS USING AIRPORT AND PORTS, SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASING TOTAL TRAFFIC THROUGH THESE PORTS AND, CONSEQUENTLY, REDUCING TOTAL QUANTITIES SEIZED. DEA/BEIRUT ALSO BELIEVES INCREASED LEBANESE ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFECTIVENESS HAS CONTRIBUTED TO "DRYING UP" OF HARD DRUG MARKET HERE. IN ABSENCE PROCESSING PLANTS, MUCH LESS MORPHINE BASE ENTERING COUNTRY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HEROIN VERY SCARCE ON LOCAL MARKETM WE NOTE THAT OF 3.5 KILO HEROIN SEIZED, ALL BUT 500 GRAMS SEIZED IN ONE ARREST OF 7S. CITIZEN COURRIER. THIS DECREASE IN PROCESSING OF HARD DRUGS AND HEROIN TRAFFIC MAY BE TEMPORARY PHENOMENON.

(E) REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION: LEBANON PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN THE ARAB LEAGUE CONFERENCE ON NARCOTIC DRUGS HELD AT RIYADH IN NOVEMBER. THE CONFERENCE INCLUDED DISCUSSION OF ANTI-TRAFFICKING AND ANTI-CULTIVATION ACTIVITIES AND SPEEDIER EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. IT IS MUCH TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE WILL BE ANY CONCRETE BENEFICIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE CONFERENCE. DEA/BEIRUT IS CONTINUING TO ASSESS, AND PERHAPS CAPITALIZE ON, THE CONFERENCE BOTH IN LEBANON AND DURING VISITS TO SURROUNDING COUNTRIES.

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(F) EMBASSY AND HOST GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES: OUR PRINCIPAL ANTI-NARCOTICS RESOURCE, DEA/BEIRUT, CONTINUES ITS ACTIVE PROGRAM, PRINCIPALLY NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES. ADDITIONALLY, IT EXTENDED PROGRAM TO JORDAN AND PLANS FURTHER EXPANSION TO SYRIA, EGYPT AND ARABIAN PENINSULA, ENCOURAGING NOT ONLY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY ACTIVITIES BUT MULTI-LATERAL COOPERATION.

(G) ENFORCEMENT: AS SEIZURE AND ARREST FIGURES ISSUED COMPILED ON CALENDAR YEAR, DATA BELOW ENCOMPASSES MORE THAN REPORTING PERIOD. FOR REASONS NOTED SECTION D ABOVE, TOTAL SEIZURES CALENDAR YEAR 1974 SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN PRIOR YEAR:

	QUANTITIES IN KILOGRAMS		
NDXRDRUG	CY 1972	CY 1973	CY 1974
OPIUM	267.0	66.0	7.0
HEROIN	1.711	20.0	3.5
MORPHINE BASE	41.0	0.0	.05
COCAINE	.748	.740	1.0
HASHISH	7,379.0	5,820.0	1,300.0

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LIQUID HASHISH 28.0 30.0 130.0

DESTROYED PLANTS UNAVAILABLE 150.0 5,000.0

EMBASSY NOTES THAT LIQUID HASHISH BECOMING MORE POPULAR DRUG FOR TAFFICKING FROM LEBANON TO EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA. THIS REFLECTED IN INCREASED SEIZURES. INCREASE OF 100 KILO LIQUID SEIZED EQUIVALENT TO INCREASE IN APPROXIMATELY 1500 KILOGRAMS SOLID HASHISH. IF ALL TYPES HASHISH COMBINED ON BASIS ESTIMATED POTENCY, DECREASE FROM 1973 WOULD BE FROM APPROXIMATELY 6270 KILO TO 2800 KILO. EMBASSY NOTES LARGE INCREASE IN DESTROYED PLANTS BUT BELIEVES IT TOO EARLY DETERMINE REASONS AND SIGNIFICANCE. TOTAL NARCOTICS ARRESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR WERE 660, INCLUDING 447 FOR POSSESSION OR USE AND 21 FOR TRAFFICKING. WE NOTE LARGE INCREASE NUMBER OF U.S. CITIZENS ARRESTED FOR NARCOTICS OFFENSES: FROM 12 ARRESTED IN REPORTING PERIOD UP FROM 6 IN PREVIOUS SIX MONTHS.

(H) INCOME SUBSTITUTION: UNDP PROJECT IN BAALBEK-HERMEL AREA OF BAAKA VALLEY REMAINS ONLY UN FINANCED CROP-SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM. EMBASSY COMMENTS CONTAINED REF B.

4. EMBASSY REVIEWED PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS SUBMITTED REF B AND BELIEVE THEY ADEQUATELY DESCRIBE PROJECT OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES.  
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